Mr. Paul Mampilli:- When do the Government think of opening the Registry Office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Very soon, I think in Chingam next.

Appointment of Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

28. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in appointing Dr. Rao as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Government have considered the previous orders passed by the Government on the competency or otherwise of Dr. Rao to be in charge of any institution, department or particular function of a department ;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the orders referred to in (a) ;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state whether the orders under (a) were a bar to Dr. Rao's being appointed Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state how the Government got over it in appointing Dr. Rao as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) Yes.

(b) Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the orders on the Council Table.

(c) Yes.

(d) On perusing the papers again Government thought that Dr. Rao might be tried as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and accordingly appointed him on probation for six months.

Memorial from Anglo-Indians for Nomination.

29. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Anglo-Indians of the State had memorialized the Diwan praying for a special constituency or to nominate Mr. S. F. Nunez, M. A., to represent their interests in the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

30. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If the answer to question (29) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether their prayer has been acted upon ; if not why not ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Their prayer to nominate Mr. Nunez was not sanctioned, because he was a candidate defeated at the recent elections.

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